

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR LAUNCHING DEVICE SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS  
ON STORAGE AREA NETWORK COMPONENTS

**Abstract of the Invention**

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A storage area network (SAN) of the type has a plurality of components including one or more digital data processors in communication with one or more storage devices via a switching fabric. An interface process, e.g., resident on a manager digital data processor, permits the operator/administrator to effect execution of at least a process residing on the manager and at least one process, such as a management application, residing on another SAN component.

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